

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development, wherein said system is connected to a distributed computer network, wherein said system comprises:

at least one first memory device connected to said distributed computer network and operable to store all course sections of different courses and an ideal time for each course section,

at least one second memory device, at least logically separate from the first memory device, connected to said distributed computer network and operable to store all studied material affiliated with said course section,

at least one third memory device, at least logically separate from the first memory device and second memory device, connected to said distributed computer network and operable to store individual-adapted course plans,

at least one control device connected to said distributed computer network and operable in calculating and indicating a planned completion date for each individual course plan with the aid of said ideal time for different course sections and the time spent by said individual on different course sections, and

at least one fourth memory device connected to said distributed computer network and operable to store the course plans and course sections that have been completed with respect to each individual.

2. (Previously Presented) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each individual obtains access to said control system by means of a computer device connectable to said distributed computer network, and in that the control system also includes at least one recording device operable in recording the time spent for each course section by each individual.

3. (Previously Presented) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the distributed computer network is the Internet or a Wide Area Network (WAN).

4. (Previously Presented) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said at least one first memory device, said at least one third memory device and said at least one fourth memory device are comprised of at least one first server device; and in that said at least one second memory device is comprised of a second server device.

5. (Previously Presented) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 2, wherein each computer device

includes a reproduction device or display, where different cursors on the display indicate different statuses of a course section in respect of a given individual.

6. (Previously Presented) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 5, further comprising a first cursor denotes that a course section has been completed, a second cursor denotes that a course section is ongoing, and a third cursor denotes that a course section has been commenced but not yet completed.

7. (Previously Presented) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 5, further comprising a fourth cursor functions to start and stop the recording of the time spent on a respective course section by the recording device.

8. (Previously Presented) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 5, further comprising a fifth cursor enables an individual to communicate with a teacher in writing.

9. (Previously Presented) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 1, wherein access to the control system is obtained through the medium of a password or security codes.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of achieving competence development with the aid of a control system, wherein the method comprising:

- choosing from a first memory device included in the control system and operable in storing all course sections for different courses and an ideal time for each course

section of the courses, wherein the course sections form an individual-adapted course plan, and storing said course plan in a third memory device, at least logically separate from the first memory device, included in the control system;

- downloading study material affiliated with said chosen course sections in the course plan, wherein the course sections are downloaded from a second memory device, at least logically separate from the first and third memory devices, included in the control system and operable in storing all study material;

- tracking time spent by said individual on each of the different course sections in the course plan;

- calculating and indicating a planned completion date for said course plan by means of a control device included in the control system and with the aid of said ideal time for different course sections and also with the aid of the time spent by said individual on different course sections; and

- when one or more course sections or the course plan is completed, storing said one or more course sections or course plan in a fourth memory device, at least logically separate from the first, second and third memory devices, included in the control system.

11. (Previously Presented) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 10, wherein each individual obtains access to said control system by means of a computer device which can be connected via a distributed computer network and which includes a reproduction device or display device, wherein said method further comprises:

- a first cursor is shown on the display device to indicate that a course section has been completed;
- a second cursor is shown on the display device to indicate that a course section is ongoing; and
- a third cursor is shown to indicate that a course section is ongoing but not yet completed.

12. (Previously Presented) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the control system includes at least one recording device operable in recording the time spent by each individual on different course sections, wherein the method further comprises the step of using a fourth cursor for starting and stopping recording of the time spent on a course section by the recording device.

13. (Previously Presented) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 11, further comprising using a fifth cursor displayed on the display device to enable an individual to communicate with a teacher in writing.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the distributed computer network is the Internet or a Wide Area Network (WAN).

15. (Previously Presented) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 10, further comprising, when study material has been revised in the second memory device, distributing the revised study material to those individuals who have chosen the course section affiliated with said study material.

16. (Previously Presented) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 10, wherein access to the control system is obtained by entering a password or security codes.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting, taking and validating an individually adapted course plan using a networked computer system including a user computer device in communication with a control system, wherein the control system includes a first memory device storing course sections for different courses and an ideal time for each course section, a second memory device storing study material for each course section, a third memory device storing individual adapted course plans and a fourth memory device storing completed course sections and course plans, wherein the first, second, third and fourth memory devices are at least logically separate from each other, and the method comprises:

through the user computer device, a user accesses the control system and the first memory device to choose a plurality of course selections to create an individual adapted course plan for the user to achieve a predetermined level of competence wherein the

course plan is adapted based on an individual competence of the user before taking the course selections, wherein the course plan includes the chosen course selections and an ideal time for completion of each course selection;

storing the individual adapted course plan in the third memory device;

through the user computer device, the user downloads study material for each chosen course section from the second memory device in the control system;

recording progress of the user in taking and completing each of the course sections;

calculating a planned completion date for the individual adapted course plan using the ideal time for the chosen course sections and the recorded progress of the user;

after completing each course section, the user takes a test using the user computer device and the test is graded to determine whether the course section has been completed, wherein an indication of the completed course section is stored in the fourth memory device, and

after completing a course plan, an indication that the user completed the course plan is stored in the fourth memory device.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising validating a user before the user takes the chosen plurality of course sections, wherein the validation comprises:

validating a user to determine the individual competence of the user based on a consultation with a user and a supervisor; and

wherein the choosing of course selections is determined, at least in part, based on the individual competence of the user.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the test is generated from a randomized list of test items.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the test comprises test questions regarding theoretical questions and test items of practical events related to the course section.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the test items of practical events are presented to the user in a chronological order in accordance with a production process or station system corresponding to the practical events.